

# **The Role of Charge Transfer in the Formation of Type I Deep Eutectic Solvent-Analogous Ionic Liquid Mixtures**

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## Tables

**Table S1.** Experimental ( $x_1, T$ ) data and activity coefficients of the solid-liquid equilibria for eutectic mixtures composed of quaternary ammonium-based salts, at atmospheric pressure.<sup>a</sup>

| $x_1$  | $T / \text{K}$                  | $\gamma_1$ | $x_1$ | $T / \text{K}$ | $\gamma_2$                       |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl (1) + [N <sub>4,4,4,4</sub> ]Cl (2)  |                                 |            |       |                |                                  |
|  | [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl phase |            |       |                | [N <sub>4,4,4,4</sub> ]Cl phase  |
| 0.950  | 585.5                           | 0.872      | 0.520 | 344.8          | 2.11                             |
| 0.904  | 520.7                           | 0.543      | 0.408 | 343.7          | 1.68                             |
| 0.850  | 482.0                           | 0.395      | 0.242 | 342.4          | 1.29                             |
| 0.787  | 436.0                           | 0.249      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.723  | 398.0                           | 0.158      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.634  | 362.8                           | 0.099      |       |                |                                  |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl (1) + [N <sub>Bz,2,2,2</sub> ]Cl (2) |                                 |            |       |                |                                  |
|  | [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl phase |            |       |                | [N <sub>Bz,2,2,2</sub> ]Cl phase |
| 0.948  | 603.1                           | 0.987      | 0.304 | 402.9          | —                                |
| 0.900  | 594.2                           | 0.979      | 0.218 | 408.7          | —                                |
| 0.800  | 559.7                           | 0.852      | 0.105 | 431.0          | —                                |
| 0.700  | 517.9                           | 0.684      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.598  | 487.6                           | 0.595      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.503  | 451.5                           | 0.472      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.399  | 419.7                           | 0.394      |       |                |                                  |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl (1) + [N <sub>Bz,4,4,4</sub> ]Cl (2) |                                 |            |       |                |                                  |
|  | [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl phase |            |       |                | [N <sub>Bz,4,4,4</sub> ]Cl phase |
| 0.948  | 600.3                           | 0.969      | 0.396 | 428.3          | —                                |
| 0.900  | 588.7                           | 0.942      | 0.303 | 430.6          | —                                |
| 0.800  | 540.6                           | 0.730      | 0.201 | 432.7          | —                                |
| 0.701  | 498.6                           | 0.567      | 0.102 | 434.5          | —                                |
| 0.601  | 467.7                           | 0.478      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.500  | 424.7                           | 0.336      |       |                |                                  |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl (1) + [N <sub>2,2,2,2</sub> ]Br (2)  |                                 |            |       |                |                                  |
|  | [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl phase |            |       |                | [N <sub>2,2,2,2</sub> ]Br phase  |
| 0.949  | 609.7                           | 1.03       | 0.300 | 515.9          | 0.923                            |
| 0.899  | 608.8                           | 1.08       | 0.201 | 538.5          | 0.986                            |
| 0.800  | 595.7                           | 1.11       | 0.101 | 554.2          | 0.997                            |
| 0.699  | 574.4                           | 1.09       |       |                |                                  |
| 0.600  | 547.9                           | 1.03       |       |                |                                  |
| 0.501  | 517.8                           | 0.954      |       |                |                                  |
| 0.403  | 488.0                           | 0.888      |       |                |                                  |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl (1) + [N <sub>3,3,3,3</sub> ]Br (2)  |                                 |            |       |                |                                  |

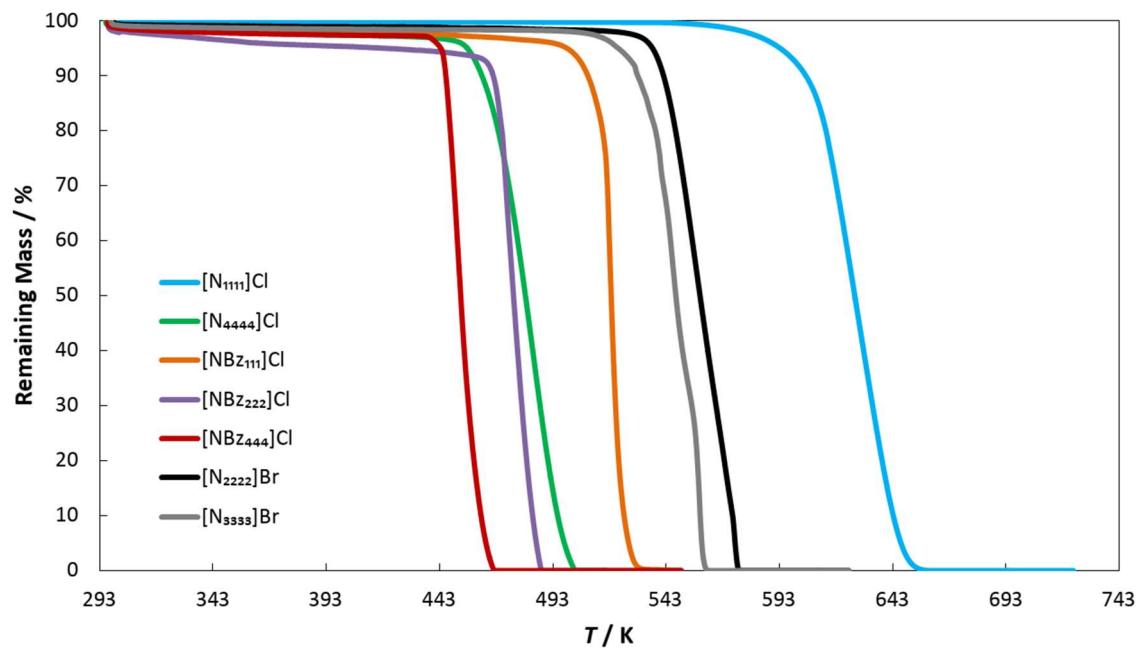
|       | [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl phase |       | [N <sub>3,3,3,3</sub> ]Br phase |       |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 0.949 | 600.9                           | 0.973 | 0.301                           | 496.9 |
| 0.900 | 595.0                           | 0.985 | 0.201                           | 515.9 |
| 0.800 | 579.6                           | 0.991 | 0.103                           | 527.6 |
| 0.698 | 557.9                           | 0.964 |                                 |       |
| 0.599 | 531.1                           | 0.898 |                                 |       |
| 0.501 | 508.2                           | 0.872 |                                 |       |
| 0.399 | 488.5                           | 0.899 |                                 |       |

<sup>a</sup>Standard uncertainties,  $u$ , are  $u(T) = 1.90$  K,  $u_r(x) = 0.002$ .

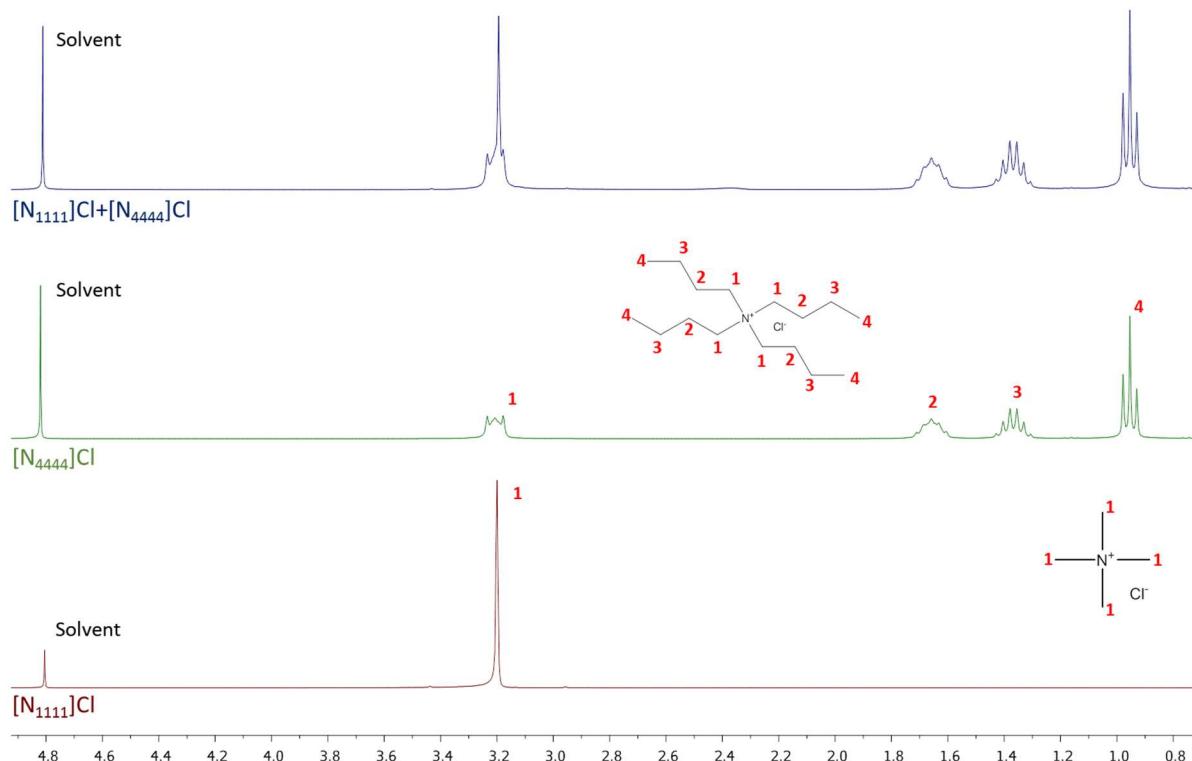
**Table S2.** Diffusion coefficient (D) of the liquid phase components in the pure system and eutectic mixtures and the ratio between the two.

| System  | $T / \text{K}$ | $D \times 10^{-9} (\text{cm}^2/\text{s})$ |                 |                                      | $D_{\text{eutectic}}/D_{\text{pure}}$ |                                      |
|---|----------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |                | [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>      | Cl <sup>-</sup> | [N <sub>x,x,x,x</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> | Cl <sup>-</sup>                       | [N <sub>x,x,x,x</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> |
| [N <sub>2,2,2,2</sub> ]Cl                             | 533.15         | -   | 7250 ± 540      | 4390 ± 121                           | 0.52                                  | 0.52                                 |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl + [N <sub>2,2,2,2</sub> ]Cl | 533.15         | 2530 ± 226                                | 3770 ± 253      | 2270 ± 320                           |                                       |                                      |
| [N <sub>3,3,3,3</sub> ]Cl                             | 423.15         | -   | 105 ± 3.9       | 66.2 ± 0.9                           | 0.74                                  | 0.69                                 |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl + [N <sub>3,3,3,3</sub> ]Cl | 423.15         | 51.1 ± 3.4                                | 78.1 ± 2.6      | 45.5 ± 0.4                           |                                       |                                      |
| [N <sub>4,4,4,4</sub> ]Cl                             | 353.15         | -   | 13.7 ± 0.4      | 7.10 ± 0.32                          | 0.35                                  | 0.38                                 |
| [N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ]Cl + [N <sub>4,4,4,4</sub> ]Cl | 353.15         | 2.82 ± 0.28                               | 4.76 ± 0.08     | 2.69 ± 0.15                          |                                       |                                      |

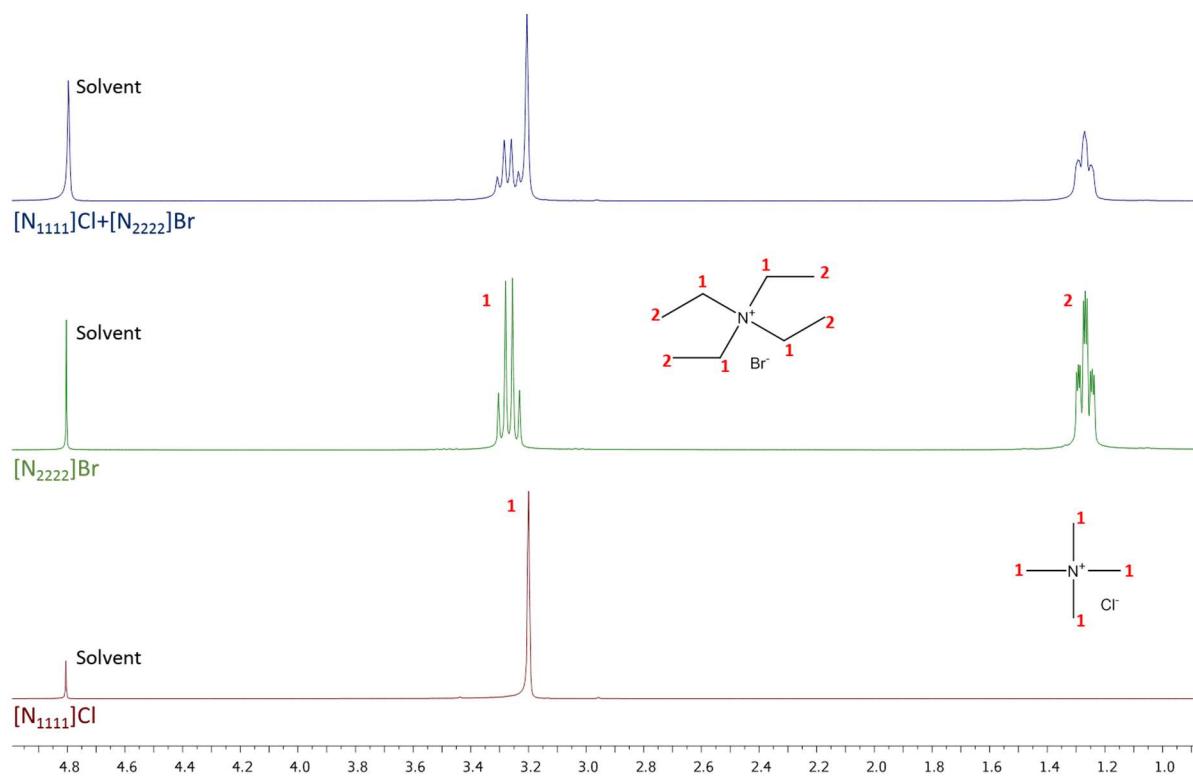
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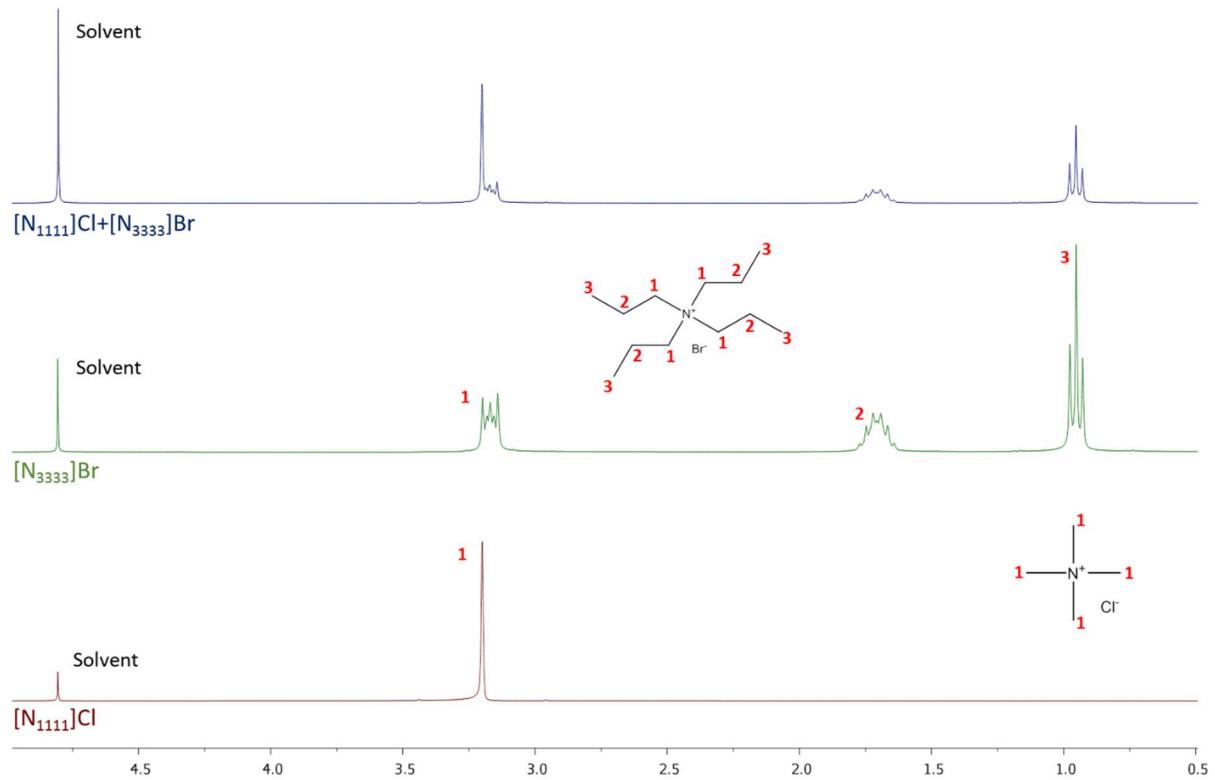
**Figure S1.** TGA thermograms of the quaternary ammonium salts used in this work.



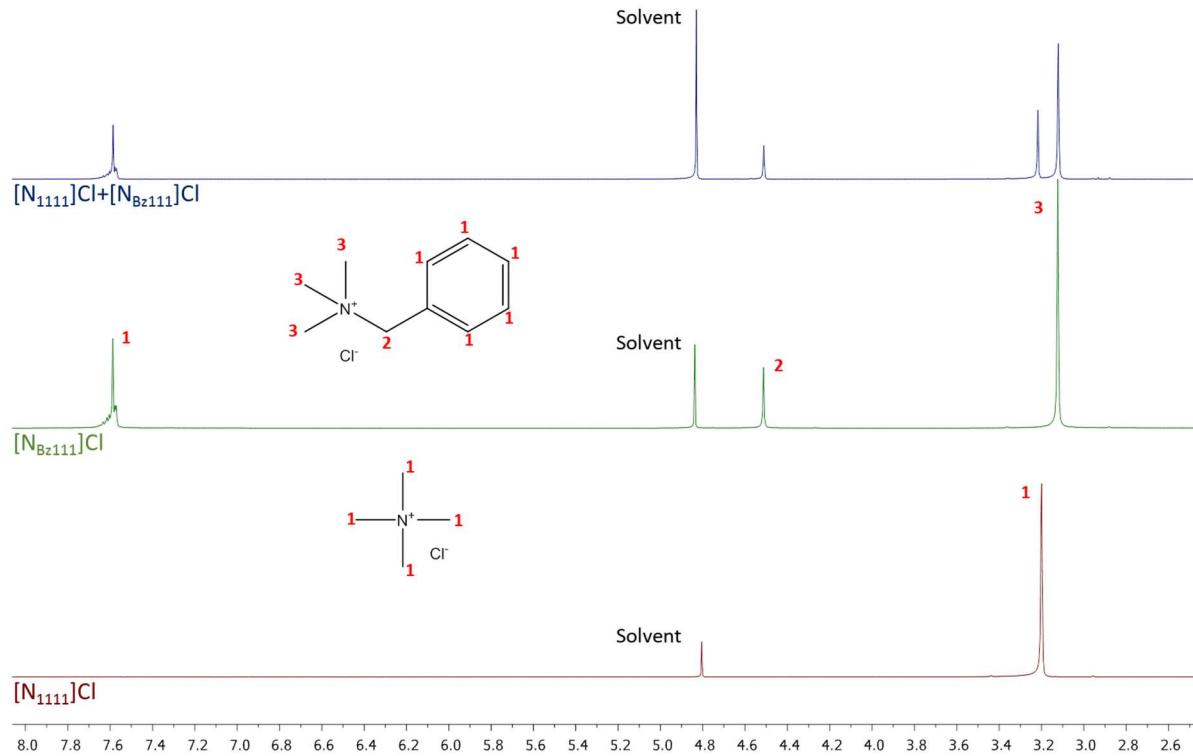
**Figure S2.**  $^1H$ -NMR spectra of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl$ ,  $[N_{4,4,4,4}]Cl$  and the mixture  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{4,4,4,4}]Cl$  at the eutectic composition (following melting and recrystallisation) in deuterated water as solvent.



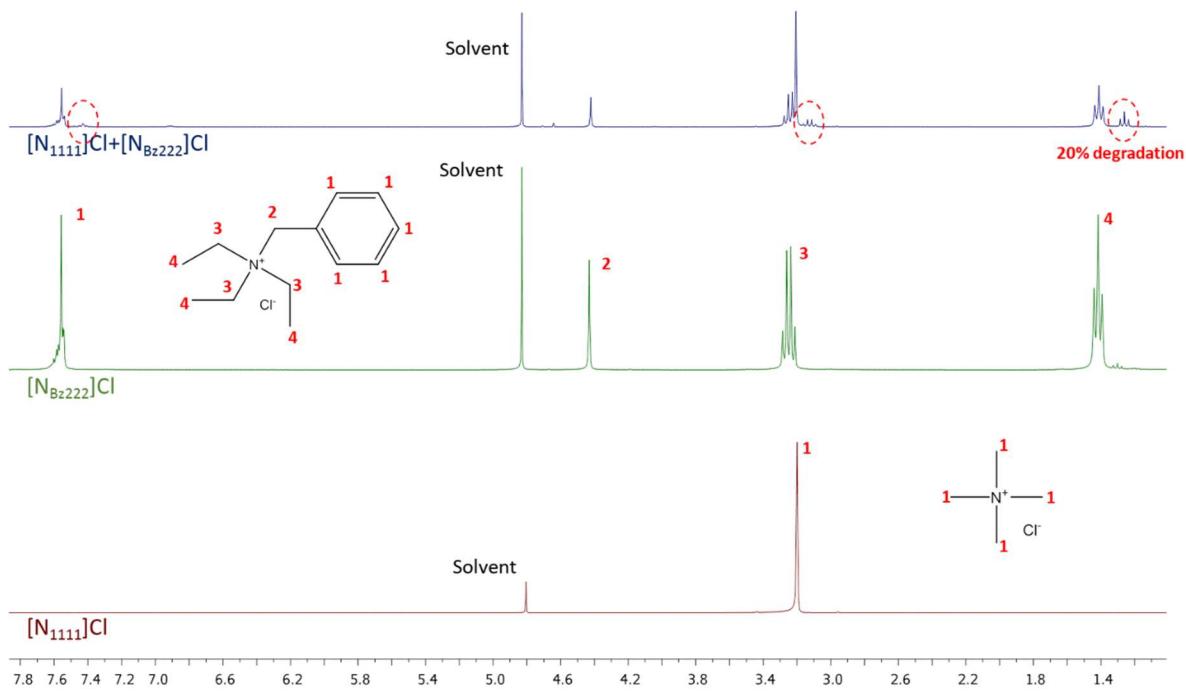
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of  $[\text{N}_{1,1,1,1}]\text{Cl}$ ,  $[\text{N}_{2,2,2,2}]\text{Br}$  and the mixture  $[\text{N}_{1,1,1,1}]\text{Cl} + [\text{N}_{2,2,2,2}]\text{Br}$  at the eutectic composition (following melting and recrystallisation) in deuterated water as solvent.



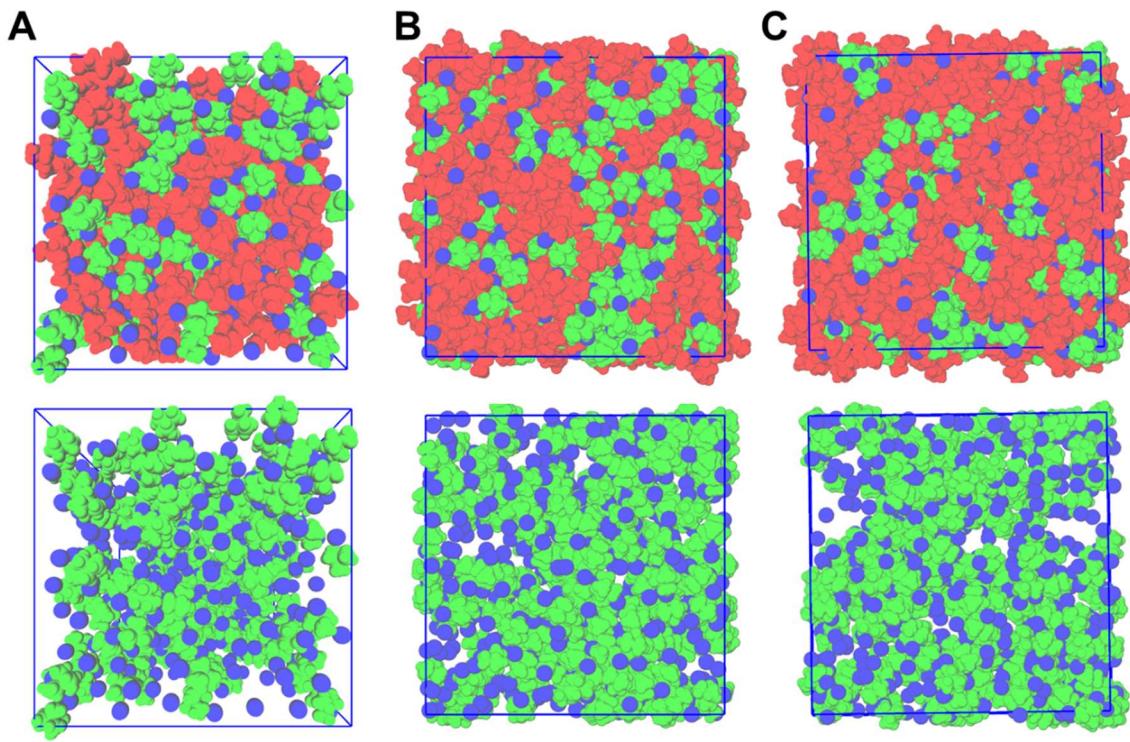
**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl$ ,  $[N_{3,3,3,3}]Br$  and the mixture  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{3,3,3,3}]Br$  at the eutectic composition (following melting and recrystallisation) in deuterated water as solvent.



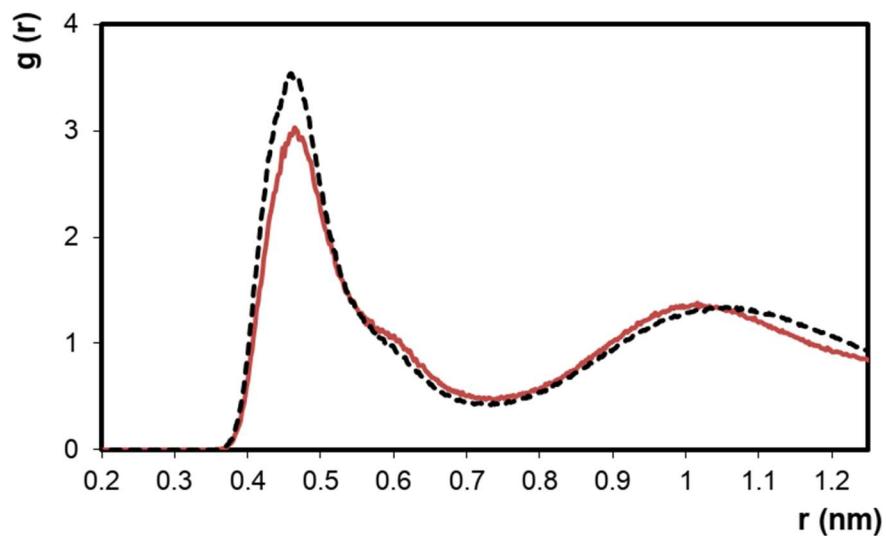
**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl$ ,  $[N_{Bz,1,1,1}]Cl$  and the mixture  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{Bz,1,1,1}]Cl$  at the eutectic composition (following melting and recrystallisation) in deuterated water as solvent.



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl$ ,  $[N_{Bz,2,2,2}]Cl$  and the mixture  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{Bz,2,2,2}]Cl$  at the eutectic composition (following melting and recrystallisation) in deuterated water as solvent. Peaks attributed to degradation products are circled in red.

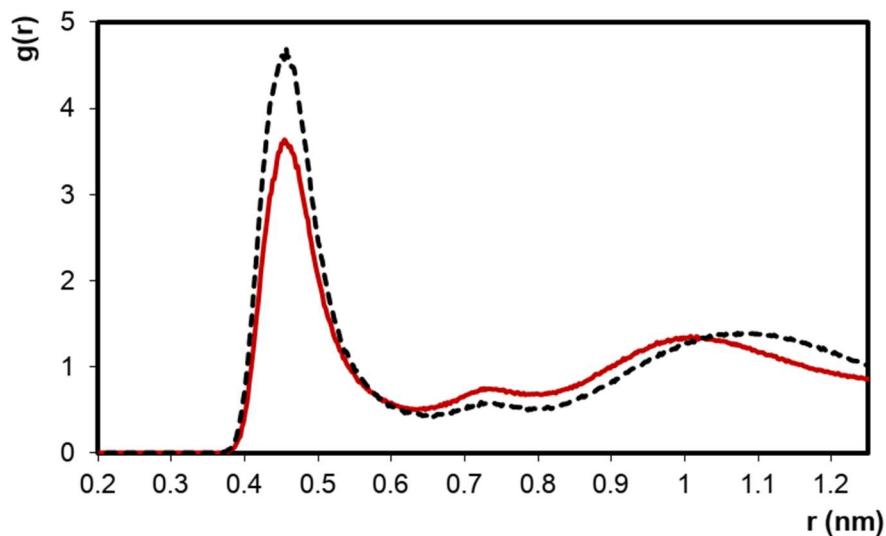


**Figure S7.** Top: Final simulation snapshot of the liquid-phase equimolar mixture of A)  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl+[N_{2,2,2,2}]Cl$  at 533 K, B)  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl+[N_{3,3,3,3}]Cl$  at 423 K and C)  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl+[N_{4,4,4,4}]Cl$  at 353 K. Bottom: Identical system with  $[N_{x,x,x,x}]^+$  ( $x=2-4$ ) removed to better identify the presence of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]^+-Cl^-$  clusters. Colour scheme: green for  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]^+$ , red for  $[N_{x,x,x,x}]^+$  ( $x=2-4$ ) and blue for  $Cl^-$

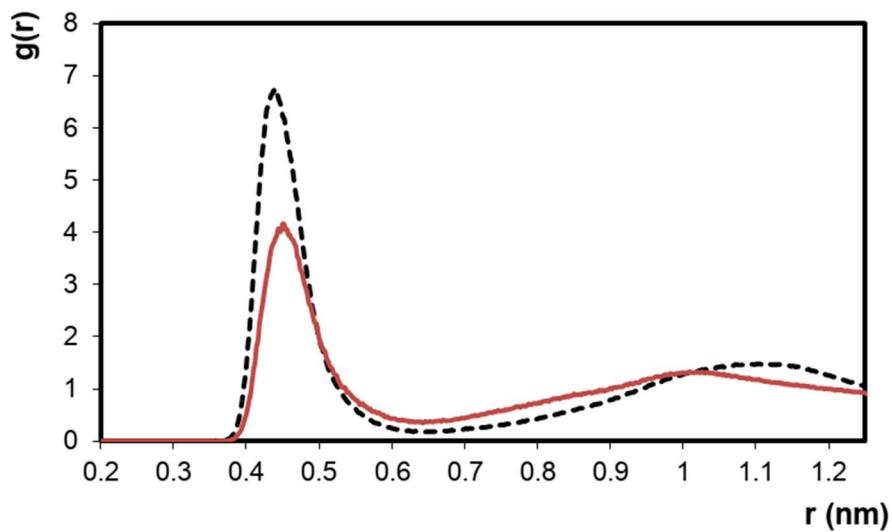


**Figure S8.** RDFs of chloride around the  $[N_{2,2,2,2}]^+$  cation in the corresponding chloride-salt hypothetical pure liquid phase (dashed line) and in the equimolar liquid phase mixtures of

$[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{2,2,2,2}]Cl$  (—) at 533.15 K. In each case, the x-axis represents the distance of the chloride ion from the central nitrogen of the cation.



**Figure S9.** RDFs of chloride around the  $[N_{3,3,3,3}]^+$  cation in the corresponding chloride-salt hypothetical pure liquid phase (dashed line) and in the equimolar liquid phase mixtures of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{3,3,3,3}]Cl$  (—) at 423.15 K. In each case, the x-axis represents the distance of the chloride ion from the central nitrogen of the cation.



**Figure S10.** RDFs of chloride around the  $[N_{4,4,4,4}]^+$  cation in the corresponding chloride-salt hypothetical pure liquid phase (dashed line) and in the equimolar liquid phase mixtures of  $[N_{1,1,1,1}]Cl + [N_{4,4,4,4}]Cl$  (—) at 353.15 K. In each case, the x-axis represents the distance of the chloride ion from the central nitrogen of the cation.